



# Cracking the code

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If you're a general practitioner, nurse, or nurse practitioner, we can contribute to two parts of your treatment services - a consultation rate and a procedure code.

Here's how to make sure you're getting paid for both the consultation and procedure (if administered).

## Consultation rates and codes

A consultation rate is for an examination or assessment of a patient with an injury covered by us.

This includes:

- ✓ in-person visits and telehealth consultations
- ✓ treatment for minor injuries such as superficial burns or grazes
- ✓ minor procedures eg:
  - remove dressings
  - check for infection
  - redress minor abrasions
  - remove splints or plaster casts.

## Full list of codes and rates

The 'medical practitioners, nurses, and nurse practitioners costs schedule' provides a full list of approved consultation and procedure codes.  
[acc.co.nz/paying-patient-treatment](https://acc.co.nz/paying-patient-treatment)

Telehealth codes can be found on our website.  
[acc.co.nz/providing-services-via-telehealth](https://acc.co.nz/providing-services-via-telehealth)

## Procedure codes

A procedure code is for specific treatments or procedures a patient receives during a consultation or visit.

Procedure codes can be claimed when a practitioner manages an injury-related need that requires a significant amount of time, eg cleaning and debriding wounds, and significant wound dressings.

- ✓ MW codes can be claimed when an open wound is closed using a material such as glue, Steri-Strip, or sutures. This code includes any required cleaning or anaesthetising of the wound before closure and the administration of a tetanus booster vaccine.
- ✓ MB codes can be claimed when managing a:
  - burn
  - significant abrasion
  - wound that can't be closed but needs significant cleaning or dressing.

Procedure codes can be changed at a later consultation or visit where another procedure is needed to manage the same wound. Eg a laceration that was initially sutured (MW code), becomes infected. The sutures are removed, and dressings are required to heal the wound (MB code).

## General Practice invoicing guide

# Consultation codes

	General Practitioner (GP)	Nurse Practitioner (NP)	Nurse (registered)	Combined GP and Nurse	Combined NP and Nurse
Patient aged under 14 years old	GP14	NU14	NC14	GN14	NN14
Patient aged 14 years and over	GP1 (CON)	NUP1	NCON	GPN	NN1
Community Service Card (CSC) holder	GPCS	NUCS	NCCS	GNCS	NNCS
CSC holder dependent - 14-17 years	GPCD	NUCD	NCCD	GNCD	NNCD

## How to invoice us

Treating provider	Treatment	Different injuries/different treatments	Same injury/different treatment
GP, nurse or NP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation rate</li> <li>• Procedure needed to treat the injury</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation rate</li> <li>• 100% of most expensive procedure</li> <li>• 50% rate for each other procedure needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation rate</li> <li>• Most expensive procedure needed to treat the injury only</li> </ul>
Joint consultation – both GP and nurse, or NP and nurse work together to treat the patient at same consultation or visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint consultation rate</li> <li>• Procedure needed to treat the injury</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint consultation rate</li> <li>• 100% of most expensive procedure</li> <li>• 50% rate for each other procedure needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint consultation rate</li> <li>• Most expensive procedure needed to treat the injury only</li> </ul>

### For nurse and medical practitioner/nurse practitioner working separately on multiple treatments or procedures during joint consultation:

#### Nurse invoices

- Joint consultation rate\*
- 100% of most expensive procedure given by the nurse
- 50% of the amount in the rate for each other procedure given by the nurse.

\*use the medical practitioner's or nurse practitioner's provider number when you invoice for joint consultations.

#### Medical practitioner/nurse practitioner invoices

- Joint consultation rate
- 100% of most expensive procedure given by the medical practitioner/nurse practitioner
- 50% of the amount in the rate for each other procedure given by the medical practitioner/nurse practitioner.



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